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GOVERNING THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN STRENGTHENING PEACE
AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND IN COMBATING WAR
PROPAGANDA, RACISM AND APARTHEID

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1. EMBOFF AUGUST 6 MET WITH UNIT ARIK, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF UNESCO
AFFAIRS IN THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF MFA, AND MADE
DEMARCHE OUTLINED IN REFTTEL. IN RESPONSE, ARIK SAID HE
HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO READ THE SUBJECT DRAFT DECLARATION
AND GOT POTITION HAD NOT BEEN FORMULATED. HE PROMISED
THAT US POSITION WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS GOT
PREPARES FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ARIK'S FORMAL RESPONSE WAS THAT
TURKEY WOULD TAKE US VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION, IT WAS
CLEAR FROM THE CONVERSATION THAT A MAJOR FACTOR IN
TURKISH POSITIONWILL BE ITS ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECT
ITS ACTIONWILL HAVE ON ITS ON-GOING EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT
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FOR ITS CYPRUS POLICY. THEREFORE, IF DRAFT DECLARATION

HAS STRONG SUPPORT OF ARAB COUNTRIES (WHICH TURKEY HAS
BEEN COURTING RECENTLY), IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE CAN
EXPECT HELP FROM TURKEY IN OUR EFFORT TO POSTPONE
CONSIDERATION OF THE DOCUMENT.
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